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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 4276**  
Kazuo SUGAMURA et al. : Docket No. 2001-0572A  
Serial No. 09/831,452 : Group Art Unit 1647  
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**RESPONSE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated August 19, 2003. This paper is timely filed because the PTO was closed on September 18 and 19 due to Hurricane Isabel.

The Official Action constitutes a requirement for restriction.

Applicant elects to prosecute the invention of Group 1, claims 1-5 and 13.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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